

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 27 OF 2016

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 13 minutes and there has been an overall increase in the suicide rate in our country among people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 5 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide claims the lives of over 1,300 Pennsylvanians each year – an average of 3.5 lives each day; and

**WHEREAS**, in Pennsylvania suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24, and the latest statistics from the Centers for Disease Control show that the suicide rate among middle aged Americans has increased by a factor of 30% since 1999; and

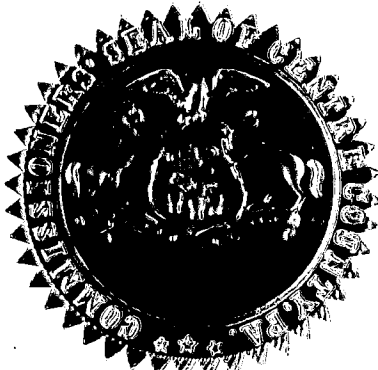
**WHEREAS**, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, most suicides are preventable;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Commissioners hereby designate September 10<sup>th</sup> as “*Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day*” and the month of September as “*Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month*”, and ask the Citizens of Centre County to spread the word that that suicide is a preventable public health problem.

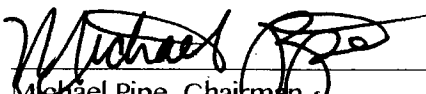
**ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

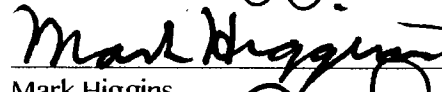


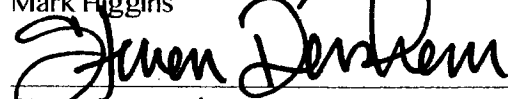
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